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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Kiyofumi SAKAGUCHI, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2812
Application No.: 10/687,743)	
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Filed: October 20, 2003)	
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For: THIN-FILM SEMICONDUCTOR)	
DEVICE AND METHOD OF	:	
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)	September 10, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to Japan 11-317509, which is listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of this document is enclosed

Japan 11-317509 was cited in an Office Action dated August 25, 2004, which issued in co-pending Application No. 10/059,144. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed. The other documents cited in the Office Action were previously cited in the subject application.

An English-language abstract and a computer-generated English-language translation for Japan 11-317509 are also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,342,433, which was previously cited in the October 17, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement, is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 11-317509.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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